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Group Art Unit : 1626

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For : AZASUGAR COMPOUNDS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
EX PARTE QUAYLE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 21, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria VA 22314

Sir :

This is in response to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 2007, which sets a two month shortened statutory period for response until May 21, 2007.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the two month shortened statutory period for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith is not necessary. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee, including any required extension of time fee and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the claims appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 7.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks which follow.